

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 - 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A fire protection zone penetrating member, comprising:  
a cylindrical body formed of thermally expanding graphite, thermally expanding rubber,  
or thermally expanding resin, said cylindrical body having a first cylindrical body edge and a  
second cylindrical body edge, said first cylindrical body edge being located at a spaced location  
from said second cylindrical body edge to define an expanding slot extending in a longitudinal  
direction of said cylindrical body, said first cylindrical body edge and said second cylindrical  
body edge defining a V-shaped cut piping inlet section located at one end of said cylindrical  
body, said cylindrical body having an oval cross section and an outer cylindrical body surface;  
a first metal plate adhered to said outer cylindrical body, said first metal plate being  
located at a spaced location from said first cylindrical body edge;  
a second metal plate adhered to said outer cylindrical body, said second metal plate  
being located at a spaced location from said second cylindrical body edge, said second metal  
plate being located at a spaced location from said first metal plate such that said first metal plate  
is opposite said second metal plate.

15. (Previously Presented) The fire protection zone penetrating member according to  
claim 14, wherein said first cylindrical body edge and said second cylindrical body edge define  
another V-shaped cut piping inlet section located at another end of said cylindrical body.

16. (Previously Presented) The fire protection zone penetrating member according to claim 14, wherein said thermally expanding rubber includes 40 to 50 weight % of flame-resistant rubber, 10 to 15 weight % of an inorganic filler, 20 to 25 weight % of an inorganic expanding material, 10 to 15 weight % of softener and 3 to 5 weight % of metal oxide.

17. (Canceled)